It's Sunday morning, it's 9:45 and you are listening to WUJC , 88.7 FM and that can mean only one thing. It's time once again for the English language portion of the Lithuanian Voice Radio Program. Good morning on this the 1st day of January 1994. A special welcome and Happy New Year greeting to the Knights of Lithuania and their families.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE JAKUBS & SCHMIDT FAMILIES & FROM JAKUBS & SON F.H.

Let's take a short break, but don't go away, because when we come back we'll have a language lesson, news from Radio Free Europe and BALT-L as well as local community events, so please stay with us…

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As a service to our English speaking listeners, we present this summary of the week's news stories from Lithuania as well as items of local interest, read in English.

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The Lithuanian Seimas is calling on the rest of the free world to speak up about the situation in Chechnya. 29 Seimas deputies signed a statement taking to task the major world powers for their silence and insistence that the Chechen situation is an internal Russian affair. The statement further maintained that a truly democratic state would not bomb its own people, confirming that Chechnya is a separate entity. The Estonian Foreign Ministry is also calling for a halt to the human rights abuses by Russia in Chechnya, citing two CSCE treaties of which Russia is apparently in violation.

The Lithuanian Red Cross has asked the International Red Cross to assist in obtaining permission to airlift relief supplies to Chechenya. Belgium and the organization "Doctors without Borders" have both offered their humanitarian aid to Chechnya.

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